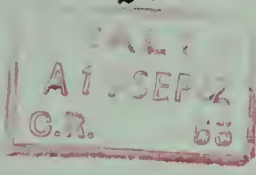


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BOROUGH OF LEOMINSTER  
Herefordshire  
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Joint  
ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
Medical Officer of Health  
and of the  
Public Health Inspector  
for the year 1961



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(As at 31st December 1961)

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To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Members of the Leominster  
Borough Council.

Mrs. Peatt, Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Annual Report for 1961,  
together with the Report of the Public Health Inspector.

### Vital Statistics

Both the birth and death rates were the lowest for  
some years: the death rate in particular being well below  
average.

There was a considerable population increase during  
the year of 160; chiefly due, I suspect, to the completion  
of the Meadows Estate, as the surplus of births over deaths  
was only 19.

### Infectious Disease

Except for a mild epidemic of whooping cough in the  
spring - disappointing in view of the small figures of  
previous years and in view of the possibility of prevention  
by immunisation, the year was without significant outbreaks  
of infections. We were happily almost free of the dysentery  
which caused so much trouble in 1960.

Unfortunately, the County Health Department are  
unable to supply figures of immunisation and vaccination this  
year for the district, so that this section has had to be  
discontinued.

Immunisation against poliomyelitis was pressed forward  
with additional evening sessions at the Westfield Walk Clinic  
and, once again, no case was reported in the district.

### Housing

This was a most regrettable year - no house building  
was undertaken and so the slum clearance programme came to a  
halt. I am glad to say that building has now restarted and  
it is hoped that we can get under way again. All the facts  
and figures are contained in Mr. Smith's report on pages 16  
to 20.

### Unsatisfactory Conditions

It is a remarkable fact that, while 25%, or 523 houses  
in the borough are without fixed baths, and while so many  
external and unsatisfactory closets still exist, to say  
nothing of the lack of hot water systems, only 11 houses  
were improved by Improvement Grants during the year. When  
compared with a neighbouring rural district of comparable  
population and number of houses, where 42 such applications  
were made in 1961, it seems that insufficient use is being  
made of these grants in this town.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. Smith for  
completing much of this report, and for his help in the past  
year.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health



STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) .. .. .	8,728
Estimated mid-year home population .. .. .	6,380
Average number of persons per acre .. .. .	0.7
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	2,070
Average number of inhabited houses per acre .. .. .	0.24
Average number of persons per house .. .. .	3.1
Rateable Value .. .. .	£75,929
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	£305

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ...	51	37	88
Illegitimate ..	-	1	1
	<hr/> 51	<hr/> 38	<hr/> 89

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Leominster Borough (Crude)	13.9	15.0	18.0	16.6	14.3
" " (Adjusted)	13.6	14.7	17.6	16.2	14.0
England and Wales ..	17.4	17.1	16.5	16.4	16.1

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Leominster Borough ..	1.1
England and Wales ..	figure not yet available

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ..	1	2	3
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Leominster Borough ..	32.6	31.2	34.7	9.7	11.2
England and Wales ..	18.7	19.8	21.0	21.6	22.4

Total Live and Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	52	39	91
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	<hr/> 52	<hr/> 40	<hr/> 92



INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

			Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	..	..	-	-	-
Illegitimate	..	..	-	-	-
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			-	-	-
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Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster Borough .. Nil  
 England and Wales .. \*

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

			Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	..	..	-	-	-
Illegitimate	..	..	-	-	-
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			-	-	-
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Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster Borough .. Nil  
 England and Wales .. \*

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

			Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	..	..	1	2	3
Illegitimate	..	..	-	-	-
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			1	2	3
			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster Borough .. 32.6  
 England and Wales .... \*

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under one year of age

			Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	..	..	-	-	-
Illegitimate	..	..	-	-	-

\* figures not yet available

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Leominster Borough	(Total	Nil	43.0	27.0	29.4	11.4
	(Legitimate	Nil	44.9	19.0	31.2	11.5
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	166.6	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	21.4	21.9	22.2	22.5	23.1
	(Legitimate	⌘	21.5	21.9	22.3	22.8
	(Illegitimate	⌘	26.4	27.4	27.8	30.0

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster Borough .. Nil  
England and Wales .. ⌘

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	26	44	70

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Leominster Borough	(Crude) ..	11.0	13.2	14.3	14.8	16.0
"	(Adjusted)	8.2	10.3	11.6	10.3	11.3
England and Wales	..	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.5

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	4	9	13

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Leominster Borough	..	2.04	1.29	2.11	2.12	2.27
England and Wales	..	⌘	2.16	2.14	2.12	2.09

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	16	20	36

⌘ figures not yet available

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated  
mid-year home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Leominster Borough	..	5.64	7.23	7.45	7.67	9.10
England and Wales	..	⌘	6.00	5.88	6.07	5.84

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

		Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:		3	6	9

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year  
home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Leominster Borough	..	1.41	1.61	2.76	1.30	2.27
England and Wales	..	⌘	1.26	1.53	1.37	1.38

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	2	4	6
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	2	6
Coronary disease, angina	5	9	14
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1
Other heart disease	6	6	12
Other circulatory disease	1	2	3
Pneumonia	1	5	6
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	6	8
Accidents, other than motor vehicle	-	3	3
Suicide	1	-	1
TOTAL:	26	44	70

⌘ figures not yet available

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE BOROUGH OF LEOMINSTER DURING THE YEAR 1961

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	2	3	5	17	12	6	4	-	1	-	-	-	50
Measles	5	1	13	2	2	9	2	-	1	-	-	-	35
Acute Pneumonia	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	5
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1961

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	9	13	15	29	32	11	13	-	2	-	2	-	126
Measles	19	62	218	86	50	37	38	22	16	17	18	-	583
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	1	1	11
Erysipelas	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	5	5	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	18
Dysentery	-	2	17	9	17	7	1	-	5	4	-	-	62
Food Poisoning	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	1	11
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	9
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1



NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASECOMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARSBorough of Leominster

Disease	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Whooping Cough	50	-	1	3	80
Measles	35	133	8	8	130
Scarlet Fever	-	4	12	5	10
Erysipelas	-	1	-	1	1
Acute Encephalitis: Infective	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	3	-	10	-	5
Dysentery	2	43	-	2	14
Food Poisoning	1	5	2	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	5	1	3	2	12
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	-	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis:					
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	5
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	9

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	126	70	38	39	192
Measles	583	189	388	258	144
Scarlet Fever	11	23	46	28	71
Erysipelas	3	4	4	2	7
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	1	3	-	-	-
Post-Infectious	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	18	18	33	14	49
Dysentery	62	123	3	16	38
Food Poisoning	11	39	3	5	10
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	2	3
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	9	7	13	7	33
Non-Pulmonary	2	3	2	3	4
Acute Poliomyelitis:					
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	12
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	14

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	3.47	0.53
Measles	16.08	16.52
Scarlet Fever	0.30	0.43
Erysipelas	0.08	0.05
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.03	0.003
Acute Pneumonia	0.49	0.40
Dysentery	1.71	0.44
Food Poisoning	0.30	0.17
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.71	0.01
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.25	0.42
Non-Pulmonary	0.06	0.06

\* per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1960.	32	18	2	2
New cases notified	2	3	-	1
Moved into district	1	-	-	-
Moved out of district	1	-	1	-
Recovered	3	3	-	-
Died	1	-	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1961.	30	18	1	3



TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1957	13	70	1	6
1958	3	65	1	6
1959	3	64	1	4
1960	1	54	1	6
1961	5	53	1	6

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Amendment) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTWATERPiped Supplies (Public Water Mains)

- (1) The piped water supply of the area and of its several parts has been fully satisfactory in quality and fully satisfactory in quantity.
- (2) Bacteriological Examination
  - (a) Water After Chlorination - 47 samples taken  
(All free of organisms of faecal origin)
 

Number of samples taken from taps at consumers' premises .. .. .	26
Number of samples taken from Waterworks Pumping Station .. .. .	21
  - (b) No samples taken of raw water prior to chlorination.
- (3) No plumbo-solvent action - hard water.
- (4) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination - immediate re-sampling.
- (5) Chemical Examination - Nil
- (6) Number of dwelling-houses, flats, etc., supplied from Public Water Mains:-
  - (a) Direct to houses and flats, etc. .. 1,956
  - (b) By means of standpipes .. .. 10

Of approximately 403 occupied houses in the Out-Parish, about 274 houses are supplied with piped chlorinated water.

The approximate number of houses relying on spring or well water is as follows:-

Borough	..	2
Out-Parish	..	129

Remarks

The following Out-Parish areas are not provided with mains piped water supplies:-

Brierley, Stagbatch, Aulden and Wintercott, Stretford and Hennor, Elms Green, Wharton and Marlbrook.

Water Samples taken and submitted for analysis

(a) Piped supplies (House taps, Waterworks Well)	47
(b) Wells, boreholes and springs .. ..	28
(c) Open air Swimming Bath .. ..	23

Note - (a) and (c) above - all samples satisfactory.  
 (b) - 15 samples satisfactory, 13 samples unsatisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

House drains and other buildings (old premises)	
Smoke colour and water tests .. ..	2
New drains laid .. ..	10
Cleansed, trapped or ventilated .. ..	34
Inspection chambers built .. ..	5
Septic tanks built or cleansed .. ..	4
Sinks installed .. ..	2
Additional closets, renewals or conversions	7
Baths installed .. ..	7
Washbasins installed .. ..	7

The necessity to record in annual reports that no Borough Sewage disposal works existed and that the sewerage system discharged to an open ditch, will probably cease at this report as during the year works commenced on improvement of the sewerage system and the provision of a sewage disposal works.

Borough Proper - Drainage of old premises to the sewer is in the main poor, consisting usually of unjointed pipes, devoid of inspection chambers or ventilation shafts.

Out-Parish - Houses, where no sewer available, are drained to septic tanks or other place.

Sewage Disposal

Approximate number of occupied houses drained to sewer:-

Borough Proper .. ..	1,672
Out-Parish .. ..	114

Number of houses not drained to sewer:-

Borough Proper .. ..	22
Out-Parish .. ..	289

RIVERS AND STREAMS

A small amount of flooding occurred during the year.

In the main, as mentioned in last year's report, houses in the low lying areas of the Borough are old and of low standard, prejudicial to health and of a type which should be demolished and replaced with dry houses on suitable sites.

Twentyfive of the substandard houses in the flood line were confirmed for clearance so far back as the years 1938 and 1939, and a further 14 houses in the flood line have operative clearance orders thereon. 39 houses could thus be erased from flooding under a vigorous replacement policy.

One house in the flood line was demolished during the year.

TENTS AND CARAVANS

Camping does not exist on a large scale.

One site licensed during the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT(1) Collection - Borough Proper

Vehicular collection once per week.

Out-Parish

Vehicular collection weekly or fortnightly according to locality.

Dustbins Renewed	..	..	..	80
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(2) Disposal of refuse	..	..	..	Tipping
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(3) Treatments against rodents	..	..	..	Periodical baiting and poisoning.
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DISINFECTIONS AND DISINFESTATIONS

Premises fumigated or disinfected	..	..	..	2
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Mode of operation	..	..	..	Fumigators and liquid spraying.
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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The sewer received test baiting at certain manholes. No evidence of rat infestation was found in any of the manholes tested. The Public Abattoir, Sewage Ditch, and Refuse Tip, received periodic treatment.



PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949 (Continued)

## Sewers:

Number of manholes treated .. ..	12
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Number of treatments .. ..	1
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Dwelling-houses, Farms, Business Premises  
and Local Authority Premises:

Number treated against rats ..	53
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Number treated against mice ..	2
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FACTORIES ACTS, 1937, 1948 and 1959

Number on Register (excluding Building Sites)	91
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Number of Inspections .. ..	57
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Number of written notices served ..	2
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## Cases in which defects were found or remedied:

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Want of cleanliness ..	1	1
Sanitary conveniences .. (unsuitable, defective or insufficient)	2	2

HOUSING

At the close of the year 1961, the Clearance Areas resolved in April, 1960, pertaining to 24 houses, remained in abeyance - an interim lapse of some 20 months. The year 1961, as a consequence, passed without further Clearance Area submissions, although details were available of groups of insanitary houses, many subject to periodic flooding and of extremely low standard, which warrant immediate inclusion under Clearance Area procedure in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Housing Act, 1957.

No Council houses were built during the year 1961 for the re-housing of families from Clearance Areas, or for the needs of families on the Housing Application Lists.

In a communal and friendly society such as prevails within a small market town as Leominster, and within the boundaries of which live individuals and families well known to each other, where the needs of many is parochial knowledge, and where so much can be done for so many by so few, it must be difficult NOT only for those families living in houses on low lying sites liable to periodic flooding and sewage contamination, but also for those members of the community living under healthy conditions on elevated sites, to understand what retards the attainment of measures which can give permanent freedom to many from flood conditions which are not only prejudicial to health, but also a serious nuisance and inconvenience.

HOUSING (Continued)Housing Statistics Showing Deficiency in Clearance Area Programme, Years 1955 - 1961.

5 year programme proposals submitted to Ministry in August, 1955.

Part 3 - Proposed action in first 5 years as submitted to Minister.  
(Number of houses which are to be included in Clearance Areas still to be declared and which within the 5 years will be owned by the local authority or will have been included in a Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Order submitted to the Minister) .. .. . 140

Actual performance against Part 3 above.  
Houses actually put under Clearance Orders or purchased by agreement .. .. . 67

Deficiency in programme at the end of six years .. .. . 73

Post-War Clearance Areas

The following houses resolved by the local authority as Clearance Areas are still standing:-

<u>Area No.</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>
50	69,71,73,75,77,79,81,83, Bargates	
	5,6,7, Westfield Walk	11
52	3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17, North Road	8
53	4,5,6, Strangward's Court	3
56	51 and 53, Mill Street	2
57	9 and 11, Bridge Street	2
59	57 and 59, Ethnam Street	2
60	117 and 119, Ethnam Street	2
61	86a and 88, Bridge Street	2
62	9 and 10, Gateway Lane	2
63	2,4,6,8,10,12,14, Bargates	7
65	1,2, Grange Walk, and 10, Corn Square	3
66	11,13,15,17,19,21,23,25,27, Cranes Lane	9
TOTAL		53

Pre-War Clearance Areas

The following 34 houses Confirmed for Clearance in the years 1938 and 1939 are still standing:-

52,54, Ethnam Street (1938)  
109,111,113,115,117, Bridge Street (1939)  
85,87,89,91,93, Bridge Street and  
1, Lowes Court (1939)  
33,35,37,39, Bridge Street (1939)

HOUSING (Continued)Pre-War Clearance Areas (Continued)

55,57,59,61,63,65,65a,67, Bridge Street (1939)  
 30, Vicarage Street (1938)  
 1/2,3, Cranes Court (1939)  
 1,2, Rose Tree Cottages, Ebna1 (1939)  
 1,2, Bedford Cottages, Ebna1 (1939)  
 1,3, Bridge Street (1939)

Housing Statistics

- (1) Total number of Clearance Area houses demolished:

Pre-War	..	60
Post-War	..	119

- (2) Individual unfit houses demolished voluntarily and under Housing Acts 1937 and 1957:

Pre-War 1939	..	16				
Post-War	..	28	..	..	..	44

- (3) Total number of individual unfit houses subject to demolition Orders or undertakings still standing .. .. . 13

- (4) Number of individual unfit houses subject to Demolition Orders occupied at 31st December, 1961 .. .. . 1

- (5) Number of houses and flats on which Improvement Grant applications approved during year .. .. . 11

Approximate number of houses with fixed baths: 1,574

Approximate number of houses without fixed baths .. 523

Percentage without fixed baths .. .. . 25%

Closet accommodation provided for old rented houses is, in general, of the bleak "back-yard" type, frozen up at times, unhappily positioned, and in many cases not readily accessible or with suitable approach.

The provision of internal hot water systems and wash-hand basins in old rented houses is negligible.

Many desirable amenities could be featured in old rented houses of reasonable standard, or owner-occupied houses, if the persons concerned availed themselves of the money they can get as a right.



HOUSING (Continued)

There are two kinds of grants available for modernising older houses, namely;-

- (1) The (1959) Standard Grant under which house owners and certain leaseholders can obtain, as a right, half the cost, up to a maximum of £155, of installing five basic improvements, - a bath, or shower, a wash-hand basin, a water closet, a hot water system, and a food store.
- (2) The Discretionary Grant under which up to half the estimated cost of more extensive improvements may be paid, at the discretion of the local Council, subject to a maximum grant of £400.

Both kinds of grant are available to owner-occupiers and to owners of rented houses.

Number of New Houses Erected during the Year

(a) Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55
(b) With State Assistance under Housing Acts:									
(1) By Local Authority	..	..	..						-
(2) By other bodies or persons				..					-
(c) Without State Assistance:									
(1) By other bodies or persons									
(a) Borough	..	..	..	..					47
(b) Out-Parish	..	..	..	..					8

Westfield Estate - Newlands Road (Private Enterprise Section)

4 houses were completed and occupied during the year. Making a total of 19 houses on the section.

Statistics Relating to Council Houses and Flats

As no Council houses were built and completed during the year 1961, the detailed statistics recorded in the 1960 Annual Report are the same, and thus are not repeated in full in this report, but, for easy reference, are condensed as follows:-

Sites:	Caswell Estate	..	98
	Gateway Lane	..	220
	Westfield Estate	..	179
Individual	Cranes Lane	..	8
Areas:	Kenwater Close	..	30
	Lugg Way	..	8
	Rainbow Street	..	6
	Hengrave Green	..	12
Properties acquired and standing		..	30

HOUSING (Continued)Summary of Types and Numbers of Council houses:

Permanent prefabricated - Airey type	28
Permanent prefabricated - Cornish Unit	24
Temporary prefabricated bungalows (10 year type)	20
Traditional brick houses	477
Traditional brick flats	12
Old houses acquired and still standing	24
Conversion - Newman House flats	6

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Allotments Site

Works started during the year on the building of 1 Warden's flat and 25 bungalows for aged persons.

Hawthorne Place Site

12 houses on this site are to be erected.

Etnam Street Site

30 dwellings and 16 garages are proposed for this site.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses in the Leominster district.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODNumber and Type of Food Premises

	<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>
(a)	GROCERS (including sale of fruit, fish, game, vegetables and pre-packed ice-cream)	36
(b)	SWEETS and SUGAR CONFECTIONERY (including sale of pre-packed ice-cream) .. ..	11
(c)	RESTAURANTS and CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS (including fish and chip fryers, sale of pre-packed ice-cream) .. ..	12
(d)	LICENSED PREMISES (Hotels, Inns and Clubs)	32
(e)	BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS .. ..	7
(f)	BUTCHERS .. ..	9
(g)	SCHOOL MEAL KITCHENS .. ..	4

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)Number and Type of Food Premises (Continued)

(h)	CORN STORES and SHOPS	..	..	7
(i)	MOBILE CANTEENS (Stalls)	..	..	1
(j)	POULTERERS	..	..	3
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				122
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Number of Food Premises, by TypeRegistered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

## (k) SALE OF PRE-PACKED ICE-CREAM

Grocers	..	..	18
Restaurants and Catering Establishments			11
Sweets and Sugar Confectionery (including Mobile)	..	..	8
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Number of samples of ice-cream sent for analysis	..	..	20
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Number of new registrations during year			4
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(l) PREPARATION OR MANUFACTURE OF SAUSAGES,  
POTTED, PRESSED, PICKLED OR PRESERVES FOOD

Butchers	..	..	5
Bakers and Confectioners	..	..	2
Fish Fryers	..	..	3

Ice-Cream

There are no ice-cream manufacturing premises in operation in the district. All retail premises have electric continuous freezers and retail pre-packed ice-cream only.

Sampling. Sampling for bacteriological analysis is carried out from time to time.

Number of samples falling into Grade 1 (Satisfactory)	..	..	20
Total samples analysed	..	..	20

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)Food Premises - Inspection, Supervision and Comment

The erection of a Poultry Plucking Factory equipped on modern lines was completed during the year.

There are no other food factories in the area apart from retail shops, bakehouses, restaurants and hotel kitchens.

Routine inspections are carried out from time to time under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960, and byelaws made under the Food and Drugs Act. Contraventions are followed up by communications and reports to the appropriate Committee when found necessary.

Works Done

Artificial lighting in sanitary conveniences	.. 3
Food rooms repaired, altered or redecorated	.. 10
Constant hot water installed	.. 1
Refrigerated cabinets installed	.. 4
Floors repaired	.. 1
Wash hand basins and sinks installed	.. 4
First Aid Outfits provided	.. 1
Improved table tops	.. 3

Milk Supply

- (1) Routine inspection of dairies.
- (2) Collection of samples of milk for analysis.
  - (a) Examination for bacterial cleanliness and heat treatment.
  - (b) Examination for Tubercle Bacilli, etc.
- (3) All milk now retailed in the district is designated milk and mainly pasteurised or sterilized.

Milk Samples Taken

Pasteurised Milk	.. 23
Tuberculin Tested Milk (Raw)	.. 2

25 samples of designated milk taken during the year conformed to standards laid down.



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)Milk Supply (Continued)

Number of dairies registered under Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 (excluding farm dairies)	.. 2
Number of inspections (including farm dairies and milk shops)	.. 22

Milk (Special Designation) (Specified Areas) (No. 2)

The sale of milk within the Borough is limited to the following designations and the standards pertaining thereto:-

- (a) Pasteurised
- (b) Sterilised
- (c) Tuberculin Tested

(a) and (b) above are heat-treated milk and (c) raw milk.

CLEAN AIR ACT

The adoption of byelaws, designed to ensure that all houses erected in future be provided with grates or other fire appliances capable of burning smokeless fuels or of smokeless operation; was approved by the Council in February, 1957.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH

- (1) Description: Modern Open Air Swimming Bath (unheated)
- (2) Water Supply: Potable fresh water from Borough Main. Bath emptied and re-filled annually.
- (3) Treatment: By high pressure continuous filtration plant and chemical treatment. (Chlorine and ammonia gases)
- (4) Water Change: Water circulated continuously through filter while bath in use. Turnover period - 4 hours.
- (5) Water Samples: 23 bacteriological samples taken from bath, of which 22 samples were free of Bact. Coli. and one sample revealed 1 Bact. Coli.

### ABATTOIR

The abattoir, built in 1877, falls far short of the standards prescribed in the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, Part II, Construction, and Part III Equipment, and the standards prescribed in Part II of the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

### Method of Meat Inspection

In accordance with the Ministry of Food, Memo 3/Meat, in as far as is reasonably practicable.

### Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Inspections

Inspection of all carcasses is carried out daily.

### Transport and Carrying of Meat

Vehicles of good standard are provided.

### METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

- (1) Condemned meat and other material from abattoir - after green staining - collection by private buyer.
- (2) Other food - incineration or buried.

The undernoted foods were surrendered during the year:

49 tins Canned Meats  
14 tins Vegetables  
8 stone Fish  
10 tins Milk  
98 tins Fruit  
1 jar vegetables  
8 tins Jam  
2 tins Cream  
5 tins Fish  
1 tin Syrup  
8 tins Soup  
135 packets Sugar Confectionery  
5 Miscellaneous  
121 lb. Sugar Confectionery  
1,470 lb. Fruit.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE  
OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	438	-	38	2,575	728
Number inspected	438	-	38	2,575	728
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	2	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	37	-	1	12	13
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	8.4%	-	5.3%	.5%	2.3%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.2%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-



MEAT INSPECTION (Continued)

Approximate weight of diseased meat dealt with:

Cattle (excluding Cows) 1,136 lb.

Calves 32 lb.

Sheep and Lambs 145 lb.

Pigs 992 lb.

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2,305 lb.

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The animal affected with Cysticercosis was a one year old bullock.

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough. Throughout the year arrangements at the Council's abattoir have been conducted by the Leominster Butchers Abattoir Company.

Top quality young animals are bought by butchers and excellent quality meat is retailed within the Borough.



